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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION

OF: STADLER ET AL CONFIRMATION NO.: 7928

SERIAL No. 09/762,044 GROUP ART UNIT: 1616

FILED: FEBRUARY 01, 2001 EXAMINER: NEIL S. LEVY

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of December 06, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

A M E N D M E N T

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 4 to 7, 12, 15 and 17, amend Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 14, 16, 18 and 19, and enter new Claims 20 and 21 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper.